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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

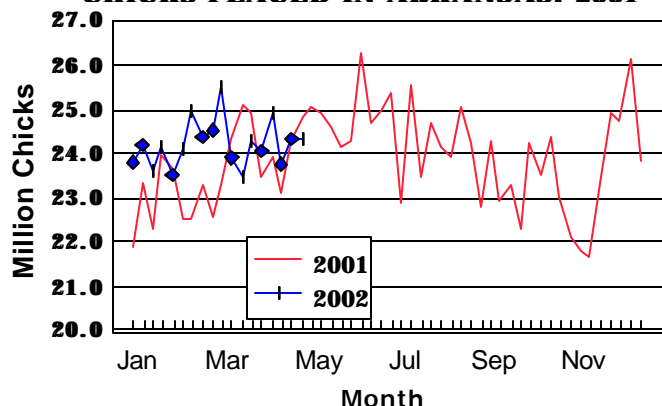
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.4 million during the week ending May 4, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but up slightly from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 4, 2002 were 436.1 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.7 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

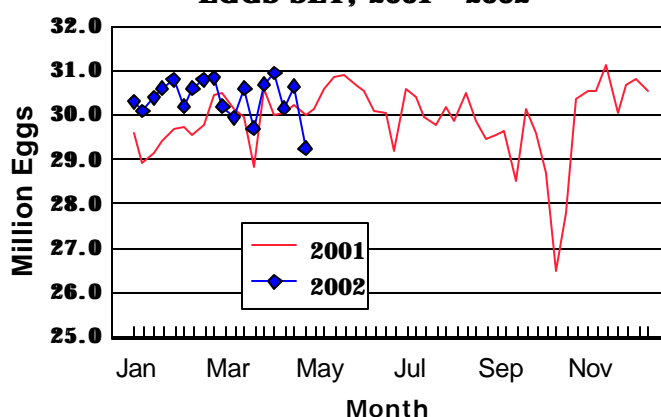
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 4, 2002, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 5 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	%	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Mar.	24,931	24,294	97	25,336	25,067	99	28,886	29,747	103
Apr. 6	23,484	24,056	102	25,003	24,711	99	30,602	30,730	100
Apr. 13	23,908	24,951	104	24,822	25,468	103	30,029	30,962	103
Apr. 20	23,120	23,786	103	23,852	24,659	103	30,087	30,175	100
Apr. 27	24,291	24,331	100	25,267	25,454	101	30,253	30,698	101
May 4	24,824	24,356	98	24,919	25,694	103	30,017	29,253	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS. 2001 -



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	%	30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	%
Alabama	29,377 *	29,297	29,268	29,711	103	22,372	21,763	22,191	22,148	22,014	22,067	104
ARKANSAS	30,962	30,175	30,698	29,253	97	24,294	24,056	24,951	23,786	24,331	24,356	98
Delaware	3,545	3,501	3,583	3,624	101	4,762	5,708	4,734	4,886	5,072 *	5,287	115
Florida	2,409 *	2,363	2,390	2,400	101	2,215	2,321	2,303	2,591	2,428	2,377	99
Georgia	31,948	32,277	30,935	31,474	98	26,126	26,128	25,930	25,517	26,800	26,605	102
Maryland	9,710	9,962	9,803	10,060	103	6,050	5,815	5,944	6,477	6,225 *	6,176	94
Mississippi	19,024	18,645	18,097	19,020	101	15,550	15,542	15,423	16,057	16,111	16,001	102
N. Carolina	19,325 *	20,269	19,585	19,591	105	15,491	14,771	15,423	15,161	15,260	15,213	108
Pennsylvania	3,851	3,933	3,856 *	3,878	100	2,719	2,693	2,627	2,591	2,856 *	2,715	99
S. Carolina	4,781	4,668	4,751	4,549	92	3,829	3,623	4,143	4,377	3,865	3,828	99
Texas	15,463	15,461	15,544	15,504	102	12,096	12,102	12,215	12,235	12,323	12,205	102
Virginia	6,504	6,451	6,503	6,588	97	5,661	6,211	5,376	5,180	5,249	5,186	84
CA TN & W VA	11,910 *	11,576 *	11,390 *	11,396	99	11,025	9,957	9,524 *	9,546 *	10,244 *	10,762	97
Total 2002	188,809 *	188,578 *	186,403 *	187,048		152,190	150,690	150,784 *	150,552 *	152,778 *	152,778	
Total 2001	187,312	185,833	185,626	186,301		151,659	149,544	150,134	147,931	150,873	151,159	
% PREV. YEAR	101	101	100	100		100	101	100	102	101	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						18-May	25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	15-Jun	22-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,957 *	6,507 *	6,292	7,045	--	5,330	5,149	5,214 *	5,182 *	5,639	5,713	--
*Oklahoma	6,339	6,592	6,478	6,411	--	4,928	5,377	4,778	4,642	5,489	3,444	--
*LA & MO	9,227	9,076	9,147	8,878	--	8,875	7,755	8,808	8,773	8,684	10,847	--
19 StateTotal	211,332 *	210,753 *	208,320 *	209,382		171,323	168,971	169,584 *	169,149 *	172,590 *	172,782	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 187 million eggs during the week ending May 4, 2002. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 4, 2002 were 2.70 billion, up 2 percent from same period a year earlier.